

What is claimed is:

1. A method for computerized processing of invoices, which a company has presented to two or more customers, comprising:
 - 5 selecting from a plurality of invoices such invoices, which are due within a preselectable time or on a preselectable date and the balance of which is larger than a preselectable first value, and assigning a first state to said selected invoices.
- 10 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - selecting from said plurality of invoices one or more invoices and assigning a second state to said selected invoices.
- 15 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, comprising:
 - said first and/or second state being represented by an entry into a respective data field of a data record comprising data of the respective invoice.
- 20 4. The method of claim 3, comprising:
 - said first and second state being represented by a first and second set of characters entered into one data field of a data record comprising data of the respective invoice.
- 25 5. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 4, further comprising:
 - the one or more invoices being invoices of special importance.
6. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 5, wherein said first and second states are states of high priority.
- 30 7. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 5, further comprising:

- selecting from said plurality of invoices such invoices, the balance of which is smaller than a preselectable second value, and larger than a preselectable third value and assigning a third state to such selected invoices, the second value being smaller or equal than the first value and the third value being smaller than the second value.
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8. The method of claim 7, wherein
the third state is a state of medium priority.
- 10 9. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 7, further comprising:
selecting from said plurality of invoices such invoices, the balance of which is smaller than the third value and assigning a fourth state to such
15 selected invoices.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein
the fourth state is a state of low priority.
11. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 10,
wherein
20 the preselectable first value is such that a preselectable percentage of the outstanding active debts or turnover of the company is controlled.
12. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 11,
further comprising:
25 presenting the invoices of the first and/or second and/or third and/or fourth state to a cash collector.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
presenting the invoices having a first or second
30 state at the latest at a presetable first period of time before the due date to the cash collector.

14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
presenting the invoices having a third state at the latest at a presetable second period of time before the due date to the cash collector.
- 5 15. The method of claims 12, further comprising:
presenting the invoices having the fourth state at the latest at a presetable third period of time before the due date to the cash collector.
16. The method of one of claim 12, further comprising:
10 said cash collector controlling, whether payments according to the invoices of the first and/or second state have been made before or on or after the due date, and in case of a non payment, presenting such invoices to a collecting service.
- 15 17. The method of one of claims 13, 14 or 15, wherein the second period of time is smaller than the first period of time and the third period of time is smaller than the second period of time.
18. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
20 dunning the customers of the accompanying due invoices.
19. The method of one of claims 16, wherein the collection service is a collection division of the company or an external collecting agency.
- 25 20. The method of claim 16, further comprising:
checking whether a non-payment is reasoned, and in case no, presenting such invoice to an external collecting agency.
21. The method of claim 16, further comprising:
30 presenting the selected invoices to the collecting service by means of a to-do-list.

22. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 21,
further comprising:
receiving a request for a state change of an
invoice from a customer and changing the state of
5 the invoice according to said request.
23. The method of claim 22, further comprising:
presenting the request to an internal clearing
division before changing the state.
24. The method of one or more of claims 1 to 23,
10 for use in a software for supporting business
processes, particular in an enterprise resource
planning software.
25. A computer system for computerized processing of
invoices, which a company has presented to two or
15 more customers, comprising:
- memory having program instructions;
- input means for receiving and entering data;
- output means for sending and presenting data
- storage means for storing data;
20 - a processor responsive to the program
instructions;
- the instructions comprising means for performing
a process according to any of claims 1 to 23 if
said program instructions are executed on the
25 computer system.
26. A computer readable medium comprising instructions
for computerized processing of invoices, which a
company has presented to two or more customers,
comprising instructions for:
30 performing a process according to any of claims 1
to 23 if said program is executed on a computer
system.

27. An electronic data structure comprising invoice data, characterized in that the data structure comprises a data field for characterizing the state of the invoice.
- 5 28. Use of the electronic data structure of claim 27 for performing a process according to any of claims 1 to 23.
- 10 29. Computer program comprising program code for performing a process according to any of claims 1 to 23 if said program is executed on a computer system.